

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 17, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1777

Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 24, 2006

~~An act relating to juvenile court schools. An act to add Section 42926 to the Education Code, relating to pupils.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1777, as amended, Alarcon. Juvenile court schools.

Existing law requires the county board of education to provide for the administration and operation of juvenile court schools, as defined.

~~This bill would set forth a statement of legislative intent relating to providing supplemental education funding for incarcerated and transitional foster youth attending juvenile court schools, commencing with the 2006–07 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, would require each county office of education that provides educational services through a juvenile court school to pupils who are foster children to receive a specified allowance that is equal to the amount the county office expended on foster children in the 2005–06 fiscal year, adjusted by the total percentage increase received by the county office for all categorical education programs in the prior fiscal year.~~

~~The bill, commencing with the 2006–07 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, would require each school district that provides educational services to a pupil who is a foster child transferring to the school district from a juvenile detention hall or probation camp and has received educational services through a juvenile court school to receive an amount equal to the allowance described above for a period not greater than one year after the pupil's enrollment in the school district. The bill would prohibit a district from receiving the~~

specified allowance for pupils for whom it has received funding pursuant to specified provisions of existing law authorizing funding of school district educational services provided to foster children.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 42926 is added to the Education Code,*
2 *to read:*

3 42926. (a) *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
4 *following:*

5 (1) *It is essential to recognize, identify, and plan for the*
6 *critical and unique needs of foster children residing in juvenile*
7 *detention halls and probation camps.*

8 (2) *A high percentage of these foster children are performing*
9 *substantially below grade level, are being retained at least one*
10 *year in the same grade level, and become school dropouts.*

11 (3) *The provision of effective and potentially cost-saving*
12 *instruction, counseling, tutoring, and related services for foster*
13 *children must be a state priority.*

14 (b) *Accordingly, is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting*
15 *this section, to provide additional funding to county offices of*
16 *education and school districts that provide educational services*
17 *to these pupils.*

18 (c) *Commencing with the 2006–07 fiscal year, and each fiscal*
19 *year thereafter, each county office of education that provides*
20 *educational services through a juvenile court school to pupils*
21 *who are foster children shall receive, in addition to the base*
22 *revenue limit, an allowance from the amount annually*
23 *transferred to Section A of the State School Fund equal to the*
24 *amount the county office expended on foster children in the*
25 *2005–06 fiscal year, adjusted by the total percentage increase*
26 *received by the county office for all categorical education*
27 *programs in the prior fiscal year. This cost-of-living adjustment*
28 *shall not exceed the inflation adjustment provided pursuant to*
29 *Section 42238.*

30 (d) *Commencing with the 2006–07 fiscal year, and each fiscal*
31 *year thereafter, each school district that provides educational*
32 *services to a pupil who is a foster child transferring to the school*

1 *district from a juvenile detention hall or probation camp and has*
2 *received educational services through a juvenile court school*
3 *shall receive an amount equal to the allowance described in*
4 *subdivision (c) for a period not greater than one year after the*
5 *pupil's enrollment in the school district. The district shall not*
6 *receive funds under this subdivision for pupils for whom it has*
7 *received funding pursuant to Section 42920.5 or 42922.*

8 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
9 ~~legislation to provide supplemental education funding for~~
10 ~~incarcerated and transitional foster youth attending juvenile court~~
11 ~~schools.~~